Meeting to put a Ban on Kesri Dal

1162. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad has agreed to arrange a meeting to put a ban on the use of Kesri dal;

(b) if so, whether any date has been fixed for such a meeting;

(c) if not, by when the meeting is proposed to be held; and

(d) whether the Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur is also being invited for the proposed meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, a meeting to discuss issues on cultivation and consumption of Kesri Dal is proposed to be held in August|September, 1994 at the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad. The invitees to this meeting will include representatives of the Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur.

Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare, Ambathurai, Tamil Nadu

1163. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter dated 14th December, 1993 from the Director, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust, Ambathurai, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the suggestions made in the letter;

(c) whether the Director had made a strong recommendation for taking over of the Institute by Government of India and renaming it as "All India Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare"; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the said recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) By his letter of 14-12-93 the then Director had *inter alia* recommended take over of the Institute by the Central Govt. The suggestions made in the letter did not have the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Institute which is a voluntary organisation. Govt. has no plan to take over the Institute.

Sub-standard drugs

1164. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drugs found sub-standard in the country during the last 12 months;

(b) the names of such drugs and the companies which manufactured them;

(c) in what circumstances these drugs came into the market without the clearance of the drug authorities;

(d) the action taken in the matter; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to check the availability of sub-standard drugs in the markets/hospitals/dispensaries etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Based on the information received from State Governments, 2575 samples were declared not of standard quality during 1992-93.

(b) and (c) As there is no Central Registry for drugs and pharmaceuticals the Central Drugs Control Organisation does not maintain the names of the companies and their products. Licensing is statutorily the responsibility of the State Licensing Authorities.

(d) and (e) Action is initiated as warranted under the Rules by the State Drug Control authorities which includes issue of warnings, suspansion or cancellation of licence or launching prosecution. Orders are also issued to the